

DATE: June 19, 2023

TO: Board of Library Trustees

FROM: Tracy Gray, Library Director
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SUBJECT: **Library Director's Report**

STAFF UPDATES

- Youth and Bookmobile Division welcomes Annika Koltermann to the team as a Librarian.
- Youth and Bookmobile Division welcomes intern Monzerat Hernandez to the team for the summer.
- Technology and Collection Division welcomes Ariel Vanderpool to the team as a Librarian.
- Administration welcomes Katie Hom to the team as a Librarian.
- Adult and Customer Experience welcomes intern Jackie Friedland to the team for the summer.
- Three Library staff graduated from the local Leadership Mountain View program: Librarian Alex Pantazes, Librarian Kyle Hval, and Analyst Laura Burch.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FUNDING TO LIBRARY

[The City Council gave the go-ahead for close to \\$170,000 in one-time American Rescue Plan Act \(ARPA\) funding to Library workforce development programs.](#) These programs are:

- Career Online High School (\$135,075)—In partnership with the California State Library, participants can earn an accredited high school diploma and credentialed career certificate at the same time.
- Universal Class (\$22,000)—Library users can access over 550 online classes through a course catalog.

- Brainfuse's Jobnow (\$12,000)—Participants receive live, interactive online career coaching services, along with a web-based career resource hub that includes a resumé builder.

NEW CITY WEBSITE LAUNCHED

The City launched the new [City website](#) on May 17. This also includes a new [Library subsite](#).

NEW LIBRARY CATALOG LAUNCHED

The Library is excited to announce the launch our new Aspen catalog. Aspen will help users discover what the Library has to offer with a new interface, event integration, and greater functionality.

SUMMER READING KICKOFF EVENT

"All Together Now" Summer Reading 2023 Kickoff Concert

The Summer Reading Kickoff concert was held on Saturday, June 3, with two family-friendly concerts by the renowned bluegrass band the Goat Hill Girls and by Grammy nominee Megan Schoenbohm. There were frozen treats, activities, and a special welcome from the Mayor.

The kickoff by the numbers:

- Estimated number of people who attended the kickoff concert: 250.
- Frozen treats handed out: 204.
- Badge books given to kids: 110.
- Number of kids who enrolled in the Summer Reading Program: 125.
- Number of adults who enrolled in the Summer Reading Program: 46.
- Number of teens who enrolled in the Summer Reading Program: 19.

[Register](#) the whole family for our Summer Reading Program, where everyone from babies to adults can earn rewards by reading and using the Library. All through summer, readers of all ages can look forward to a diverse lineup of performers, author talks, STEAM programs, arts and crafts, learning opportunities, and days to simply relax with a good book.

PROGRAMS

Past Program Highlights

On Tuesday, April 18, the Library hosted 14 enthusiastic participants who learned to make their own small change purse using upcycled materials. FabMo volunteer Gayatri Ratnam taught the attendees how to scale a pattern up or down while making this useful and beautiful item.



In addition to tabling at City Hall, the Library held our popular plant exchange in honor of Earth Day on Saturday, April 22. At least 70 people came to the Library to donate, exchange, and take home plants of all types, such as seedlings, cuttings, houseplants, plants in containers, and even shrubs and small trees.



Did you know that there are up to 40,000 muscles in an elephant's trunk and that some sea creatures are so small you can only see them under a microscope? On Thursday, April 20, the Library hosted 21 eager young learners as they explored animal facts such as these while crafting their own cats and dogs to take home. This engaging, educational program for children ages eight to 12 was made possible by the generous support of the Friends of the Mountain View Library.



On April 18, the Library hosted this year's final session of our free tax preparation assistance program, which was held Saturdays and Tuesdays from February 4 to April 18. Over the course of the 22 sessions, IRS-certified volunteers helped 654 customers prepare their returns or answer their tax-related questions.



On Wednesday, May 3, a wonderful crowd of 58 people joined us for a fascinating talk about the rich cultural history of San Jose Japantown. This regional history discussion was presented by local author, artist, and photographer Curt Fukuda and Ralph M. Pearce, co-author of *San Jose Japantown: A Journey*.



Other Past Programs

- Thursday, April 20—Medicare Basics—Attendance: 7.
- Saturday, April 22—Switch It Up Saturday—Attendance: 13.

- Tuesday, April 25—Outdoor Spring Storytime—Attendance: 205.
- Tuesday, April 25—Is It Dyslexia? Red Flags In Early Readers—Attendance: 93.
- Tuesday, April 25—Top Tax Planning Opportunities for 2023—Attendance: 21.
- Tuesday, April 25—Bilingual Storytime: Spanish/English—Attendance: 15.
- Wednesday, April 26—Baby Storytime—Attendance: 74.
- Wednesday, April 26—Sing and Play Along Ukulele Jam, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Attendance: 17.
- Thursday, April 27—Día de los Niños Storytime—Attendance: 68.
- Thursday, April 27—Author Talk with William Kent Krueger, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Attendance: 13 live views.
- Tuesday, May 2—Outdoor Spring Storytime—Attendance: 76.
- Wednesday, May 3—Raising Anti-Racist Children, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Attendance: 9 live views.
- Wednesday, May 3—Independent Program: Baby Yoda Puppet—Attendance: 50.
- Thursday, May 4—Animal Explorers: Marsupials—Attendance: 25.
- Thursday, May 5—Sensory Storytime—Attendance: 24.
- Wednesday, May 9—Don't Squash that Bug: Recognizing Beneficial Insects in the Garden—Attendance: 16.
- Thursday, May 10—*Not Funny*: Author Talk with Academy Award Nominee Jena Friedman—Attendance: 16.
- Saturday, May 20—Author Talk with Courtney Summers, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Attendance: 2 live views.
- Saturday, May 20—Firebird Youth Chinese Orchestra, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Attendance: 123.

- Monday, May 22—Author Storytime: *This is Not My Home*, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Attendance: 37.
- Tuesday, May 23—Estate Planning Fundamentals for Parents—Attendance: 22.
- Friday, May 26—Deer Hollow Storytime—Attendance: 71.
- Saturday, May 27—Chinese Brush Painting Workshop, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Attendance: 25.

Upcoming Programs

- Summer Concerts in June: The Library will be hosting a series of family-friendly concerts throughout the month of June, including the [Charged Particles Jazz Performance](#), a [Tree-cital](#), and [Caribbean Family Music with Asheba](#).
- An American in Provence: Author Talk with Award-Winning Photographer Jamie Beck: *New York Times* bestselling author and photographer Jamie Beck will discuss her new book, which is equal parts art book, travel diary, memoir, and cookbook, on [Thursday, June 15](#).
- DIY Drip Irrigation: Come to the Library on [Thursday, June 22](#), to learn all about drip irrigation systems from Master Gardener Pamela Trounstine.
- Spotlight: Summer Solstice: Learn about the Summer Solstice and take part in a craft activity at the Library on [Thursday, June 22](#).
- Human Library: Join the Library on [Saturday, June 24](#), to learn about the varied life experiences of people from your community by engaging in one-on-one conversations.
- Hula Dance: On [Saturday, June 24](#), Dancers from Pa Hula Ohana will perform engaging and spirited hula dances. Bring a blanket and enjoy these Hawaiian dances in Pioneer Park. All ages welcome.

For more upcoming events, view the [Mountain View Public Library's events calendar](#).